**Policies of Dental Council of India**

770. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dental Council of India (DCI) statutory regulator of Dental Education in India, has totally failed in articulating an over all vision for students welfare, while pursuing the policies doing maximum damage to Dental Education in India;

(b) the details of representations received from MPs, and other public representatives by the Government/DCI for taking immediate corrective measures; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Dental Council of India is discharging its statutory duties for maintaining the standard of dental education in accordance with the provisions of Dentists Act, 1948 and the regulations made thereunder so that the students are fully trained in the science of treatment of dental patients. The interests of the students are well protected by the Council.

**Primary healthcare system**

771. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for major changes in the country's primary healthcare systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the experts from United Kingdom have agreed to provide training to Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in public health fields; and

(d) if so, the further steps Government proposes to take to improve the country's primary healthcare system?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) major improvements are being taken up in primary healthcare system in the country for providing quality health care on equitable and affordable basis to all the citizens. The thrust of NRHM is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system. NRHM facilitates simultaneous action on collateral determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, etc. Under NRHM major steps have being taken augment the Health Human Resources, improve infrastuctructure and equipments at health facilities and improve planning, management and logistics/supply chain management at health facilities.

Public health experts from various institutions in UK have agreed to provide training, academic programmes, research opportunities to Public Health Foundation of India in public health fields.